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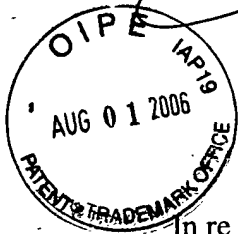
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Sir:

This Amendment is with submission of a Request for Continued Examination [RCE] under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 for the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.